

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 4, 10-14, 23, and 24 remain pending in this application, with claim 1 being independent. Claims 2, 5-9, 15, 17, and 19-22 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter.

Applicants notes with appreciation the allowance of claims 1, 3, 4, 10-14, 23, and 24, and the indication that claims 19-21 would be allowable if rewritten so as not to depend from a rejected claim, and with no change in scope. Since claims 1, 3, 4, 10-14, 23, and 24 are the only claims remaining in this application, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claims 2, 5-7, 9, 15, and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 4,399,809 to Baro. Claim 8 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious from Baro in view of U.S. Patent 7,037,343 to Imran; and claim 22, as being obvious from Baro in view of U.S. Patent 5,690,691 to Chen.

Cancellation of claims 2, 5-9, 15, 17, and 22 renders the rejections of those claims moot.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

Respectfully Submitted



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